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To: City Council
Subject: In opposition of the HP BDS resolution
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Hello,

As a resident of Cambridge, I am writing to oppose the slated resolution divesting from HP for its business in Israel. The resolution singles out Israel when many companies doing business in Cambridge may have contact with far worse regimes and human rights abuses. Especially in light of recent news about the rise of anti-Semitism and fading memory of the Holocaust (see, e.g. https://www.nytimes.com/2018/04/12/us/holocaust-education.html), this council should not approve a resolution with such troubling undertones.

Further, I believe that extreme positions that make no distinctions across the breadth of Israeli society are counterproductive to peace efforts and only strengthen the hands of extremists on both sides. While I disagree with many of the Netanyahu government's policies, I believe strongly that Israel has a right to exist. BDS only strengthens Netanyahu by supporting his claims that the world is against Israel.

Thank you,

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